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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 13576

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEAN E TH
SUBJECT: US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS

REF: A) MANILA 07784, B) MANILA 4834, C) STATE 083994,
D) BANGKOK 9759, E) BANGKOK 9996, F) MANILA 5217,
G) KUALA LUMPUR 2681, H) MANILA 0778

1. BY WAY OF CLARIFICATION OF ROMULO'S NOTE REF A,
EMBOFF INFORMED THEP THEWAKUL, SEC GEN ASEAN AFFAIRS, MFA,
ON 3 APRIL USG UNDERSTOOD ASEAN HAD REACHED AGREEMENT
THAT SECOND US-ASEAN TALKS WOULD BE AT MINISTERIAL
LEVEL (REF D). THIS WAS BASED ON ROMULO'S POSITIVE
STATEMENT TO AMBASSADOR NEWSOM AND DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION
CONTAINED IN REFS B AND C. THE INITIAL "MISINFORMATION" WAS
THUS CREATED BY ROMULO'S STRONG ASSERTION IN REF B.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH THEP WE DID NOT, AND OF COURSE
COULD NOT, SAY THAT DATES OF 24-25 JULY FOR MINISTERIAL
HAD BEEN AGREED TO SINCE PURPOSE OF CALL ON THEP WAS TO
INDICATE THOSE DATES WERE PREFERABLE FROM STANDPOINT
OF SECRETARY VANCE'S SCHEDULE EVEN THOUGH ALTERNATIVE
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DATES FOR THE MEETING WOULD BE CONSIDERED PER REF C.

3. THEP'S REACTION WAS NON-COMMITTAL, AS REPORTED IN
REFS D AND E. HE EMPHASIZED FORMAL DECISION ON LEVEL
AND DATES FOR US-ASEAN DIALOGUE HAD NOT BEEN REACHED.

4. WE NOTED, SUBSEQUENTLY, THAT MRS MANALO AND THE

MALAYSIAN DG FOR ASEAN EXPRESSED VIEWS WHICH COINCIDED
WITH THEP'S COMMENTS ON THE LACK OF DECISION RE LEVEL
AND DATES FOR MEETING (REFS F AND G).

5. EMBASSY HAS NO COMMENT ON THE US ALLOCATION OF
30 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ASEAN DEVELOPMENT SINCE THE ONLY
REFERENCE WE HAVE ON IT WAS CONTAINED IN MANILA 07784.
WE HAVE NEVER DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH THE RTG.
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